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BIRTH.  
At Shanghai, on the 27th January, the wife of ALFRED CUNNINGHAM, of a son.

MARRIAGE.  
On the 28th January, 1895, at the Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Rev. H. C. Hodges, M.A., JOHN PRENTICE, to JANE A. LAW.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1895.

## TELEGRAMS.

## AN HONEST CONFESSION.

LONDON, February 4th.  
The news that the Chinese fleet had left Wei-hai-wai was incorrect. The fleet took shelter under the guns of the forts on the island of Liangkung-tau, and up to Friday the fleet and the forts were unusub used.

[And they have not yet been taken.—Ed. H.K.T.]

## THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

It is reported from Yokohama that the credentials of the Chinese Envoys despatched to Tokyo were found imperfect; that parleying was refused; and that the Envoys have been told to depart; and that they proceed to Nagasaki under protection.

## THE MADAGASCAR EXPEDITION.

French troops occupied Mojanga on the 16th January, unopposed.

## THE LATE MARSHAL CANROBERT.

The funeral of the late Marshal Canrobert was imposing; the Queen, King Humbert, President M. Felix Faure and the Russian Army sent exquisite wreaths.

## MORE USELESS INTERVENTION.

The British, French and Russian Ministers at Peking and Tokyo have received instructions to advise Japan and China to arrange terms of peace.

(Special to China Gazette.)

## THE PORT ARTHUR VICTIMS.

PORT ARTHUR, via JAPAN, January 26th.

On the 18th instant the bodies of those slain in the storming of Port Arthur were removed from their temporary resting places and interred anew; many of the bodies were cremated. The funerals were carried out on a scale of great magnificence, Chinese and Japanese priests officiating.

## THE SUICIDE OF ADMIRAL LIU.

January 26th.

The news of Admiral Liu's suicide is confirmed.

## THE CHINESE FLEET.

A despatch from the Commander of the Second Army says that the Chinese fleet, which left Liangkung Island, off Wei-hai-wai, report that the Chinese fleet remains at Wei-hai-wai.

The Chinese fleet consists of eight ships, namely, the *Chengyuan*, *Wingyuen*, *Planyuen*, *Kwangping*, *Wingyuen*, *Kangchi*, and *Chiuyuen*. The damage sustained by the *Chengyuen* through going ashore has not been adequately repaired. The hole in her bottom was filled with timber and cement, and she cannot stand the firing of her heavy guns. The *Laiyuen*'s repairs are not complete and there are no guns on board the *Kangchi*.

The latest to the larger ships, the Chinese have six gunboats and eleven torpedo boats at Wei-hai-wai.

(Special to Shanghai Mercury.)

## MORE FIGHTING AT KAEPIING.

YOKOHAMA, January 26th.

A telegram has been received from Kaeping, dated the afternoon of the 24th instant, from General Nogi, which states that a Chinese force of about 10,000 men, coming from the direction of Taiheing, advanced against the Japanese outermost line of defence. Artillery only came into play on both sides, and after a while the Chinese were routed and completely demoralized by the Japanese sharpshooters, retreating in two bodies, one going to the northward and another to the north-west.

## THE ADVANCE ON WEI-HAI-WEI.

The following telegram has been received from Yanching, dated the 25th instant:

"The third batch of Japanese transports arrived at daybreak and landed all the troops successfully. The civilian inhabitants, remaining in the vicinity, were almost without exception peacefully disposed. Fuel and water were found to be exceedingly scarce. The Japanese engineers are busily employed repairing the roads for the advance of the artillery. Excepting when first landing the advance campaign is conducted in the night, the enemy, they having, apparently, retreated to Wei-hai-wai or into the interior."

## THE MANCHURIAN CAMPAIGN.

A telegram, dated Hailang on the night of 22nd instant, from General Nodzu, reports that he was expecting to be re-attacked by the Chinese forces from Liaoyang, consequently the Third Division was arranged for the defence and the plan to draw the enemy within six hundred metres was successful when the Fifth Infantry Brigade and three batteries of artillery suddenly attacked and opened fire on the right flank of the Chinese forces, and being taken by complete surprise they fled in all directions in great confusion. The other Infantry Division of the Japanese attacked the retreating Chinese which very much increased the panic amongst them. The greater part of the Chinese fled to the north, the prisoners taken in this action state that the campaign is conducted under the command of Tatar General's Ching-shung and Li. The whole force of the Chinese exceeded 12,000. The Japanese loss was only twenty-nine wounded, but the enemy's casualties are not at present fully known, except that over one hundred corpses were left on the field.

## APPROACHING WEI-HAI-WEI.

January 31st.

An official despatch from Marshal Oyama, dated Yanching, 27th instant, reports a large Chinese force near Kuanhang and Chiao-chou. The coast road is safe, the three miles beyond Yanching. From that point the heavy repairs to the roads, required to facilitate the transport of the artillery, delay the advance of the Japanese force.

## THE DEFENCE OF NEWCHWANG.

In a telegram dated Hantsai, 26th inst., General Nogi reports a force of 10,000 Chinese, with 200 long rifles, near Newchwang, and another force of 11,000 advancing from Tapian-shan. In a further despatch, dated 26th instant, he reports that the Chinese force near Yanching had been increased, and that the Japanese cavalry scouts were unable to proceed beyond Looping, the enemy having advanced along the whole line.

## WEI-HAI-WEI.

CHEFOO, January 27th.

Wei-hai-wai is not yet taken by the Japanese. There are at the present time, belonging to the Japanese, twenty men-of-war, nineteen transports, and twenty torpedo-boats in Shantung Bay. The English and German flagships are also there.

The Japanese are advancing overland from the Bay and gradually surrounding Wei-hai-wai. They have taken the lighthouse. On arrival of the French gunboat *Zou* near the Japanese fleet salutes were exchanged.

## CHEFOO THREATENED.

A letter has been received at Chefoo from the Japanese authorities stating that they intend to advance on Chefoo and surround the settlement. There are thirteen foreign war-vessels at Chefoo.

## THE ATTACK UPON WEI-HAI-WEI.

January 31st.

Wei-hai-wai is completely surrounded by Japanese troops. Fire from bombardment going on by land and sea. The Chinese have been fighting bravely, but appear to be giving up, as some of them are deserting.

(Special to N. C. Daily News.)

## THE PEACE MISSION.

Kobe, January 30th.

The Chinese Envoys landed here this morning and proceeded to the Oriental Hotel under a guard of Japanese police, where, having met Mr. Foster, the party embarked on board the *Owari Maru* at 4 p.m. and sailed for Hiroshima at 3 o'clock. It is believed that the Ministers appointed to confer with the Envoys are Count Ito and Mutsu Munimutsu, with the assistance of Mr. H. W. Denison, of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

## GREAT FIRE AT OSAKA.

The *Kanaka* (Chinese Mail) at Osaka was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. It was not insured, and the loss is estimated at \$200,000.

(Special to Hongkong Telegraph.)

## THE CHINESE MISSION.

Kobe, February 3rd.

The Imperial Envoys have utterly failed to arrange terms of peace with the Japanese.

Government and consequently leave Hiroshima to-morrow morning for their native land.

[This is exactly what the *Telegraph* predicted weeks ago.—Ed. H.K. Telegraph.]

(Special to Le Courrier de Saigon.)

## THE FRENCH CABINET.

SAIGON, January 27th.

Private telegraphic advices have been received here announcing the following appointments:—President of the Council and Minister of Interior—M. Bourgeois.

Minister for Foreign Affairs—M. Han-

Minister of Finance—M. Poincaré.

Minister of Marine—M. Lucvov.

Minister for the Colonies—M. Etienne.

Minister of Justice—M. Waldeck-Rousseau.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

CHOLERA is still raging in Bangkok.

BROADWOOD PIANOS at W. Robinson &amp; Co.

The Spanish cruiser *Castilla*, Capt. E. Sanfido, arrived here to-day from Manila.

The annual general meeting of members of the City Club will be held at the Club House at 9 p.m.

New Comic Sing and Dance Album at W. Robinson &amp; Co.

The spring term of Belliss Public School commenced to-day, with an unusually large attendance of scholars.

The German steamer *Gluckburg* has been purchased by the Japanese and is now known as the *Hino Maru*.The *Hongkong Directory* and *Hong List for the Far East* (1895) was issued at the Hongkong Telegraph office to-day. *Vide* advt.

New plans repairing machinery, received by W. Robinson &amp; Co.

The British cruiser *Plage* will shortly relieve the *Leander* on the China Station. She is much faster and a better fighting ship than the *Leander*.We are informed by the Agent of the Messageries Maritimes Co. that the steamer *Saghalien*, with the next French mail, left Saigon for this port at 8 a.m. to-day.H.M.S. *Rattler*, having been relieved by the *Redoubt* on the 22nd ultimo, arrived here yesterday from Bangkok looking none the worse for the "dusting" she experienced en voyage.

MR. Lawson, locomotive engineer on the Kiat Railway, was recently taken to the General Hospital at Bangkok suffering from Asiatic cholera. According to latest advices his recovery was doubtful.

The second performance of Robinson Crusoe, under the patronage of Commodore Boyes, R.N., will be given in the Theatre Royal this evening, when a marked improvement on last Wednesday's 'form' will, it is to be hoped, be abundantly manifest.

A large number of mendicants appeared before the Magistrates at the Police Court to-day charged with begging, and as these miserable creatures wished to return to Canton they were given their passage money, and honored with an escort of police to the 'night boat.'

The management of D'Arc's Marionettes, discouraged by the patronage accorded them during the past week, have decided to defer their departure for one week, and will therefore throw open the doors of their cosy Bijou Theatre at 8 o'clock this evening; the performance commencing at 8.30, sharp.

TEN women and one Japanese chef were charged before Mr. Hastings at the Magistrate's court, at the instance of Capt. F. Johnson, with illicitly obtaining a passage from Kutchikan to Hongkong on the British steamer *Ayr* on the 25th ultimo. The defendants admitted their passage money and were discharged.One reason why foreign shipping pays better than American, says the *New York Maritime Register*, is the fact, that in foreign countries shipping is not burdened down with unjust taxes and charges. Local authorities do not inflict taxes upon the value of ships. Ships are charged to the port of call, and only the profits from them are taxed. This is something that our State and local authorities should take into account when making up their annual budgets. They should also remember that ships bring business that would not otherwise come to help local industries.WRITING under date 9th ultimo the Newchwang correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* says:—

"Many wounded soldiers are arriving from a small place, 20 miles distant from here, where an engagement took place yesterday. Particulars are not to hand at the time the mail closes. Amusement is caused by the reports in the papers that Newchwang had been taken, and so forth. It is all moonshine. That the Japanese are advancing is true, and it is surmised that they will take possession of this port at the opening of the spring. Should the war terminate before the spring, the stand in fear of the disbanded soldiery, and on the whole the war's potentialities possess far greater attraction than its actualities. At Hailang, the entrenched Japanese are suffering severely from cold, and everything combustible is gathered to take the place of ordinary fuel. The missionaries' furniture is even taken for that purpose. It is surmised that the Chinese have poisoned the drinking water of the Japanese, resulting in wholesale sickness and death."

As will be seen by an advertisement in another column, that deservedly popular and most useful work, *The Hongkong Directory and Hong List for the Far East* for 1895, is now ready. Scores of copies of this important publication have been sent out to our subscribers in this Colony, and our book-binders are working night and day to supply the demand.

Throughout the Far East, and in the United States, Europe, India and Australasia. The present edition of the *Hongkong Directory* is a vast improvement on all its predecessors; it is of greater bulk, has been carefully written up to date and revised throughout. It is literally teeming with interesting facts and valuable data which no other publication of a similar kind offers, and is bound in scarlet and gold in a style that has never been approached, much less equalled, by the publishers of any other work in Asia, and taken all in all it is unquestionably the most reliable and the cheapest Directory that has ever been published in this part of the world. Notwithstanding the untimely fall in exchange the price of the *Hongkong Directory* remains the same as in previous years, namely, Three Dollars! Copies of this elegant and indispensable work can be obtained at the Hongkong Telegraph office, or from any of our agents.

COLLARD &amp; COLLARD PIANOS at W. Robinson &amp; Co.

The returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended Feb. 3rd, viz.:—

Europeans, 149; Chinese, 13,338; total 13,487.

W. ROBINSON &amp; Co., piano builders, tuners and repairers.

An Emergency Convocation of Victoria Chapter, No. 125 will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, to-morrow, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

The P. M. S. Co.'s steamer *China*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 15th ult., and Honolulu to the 22nd, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port, via Nagasaki, to-morrow morning.

Full stock of banjos, mandolines, guitars, accordions, strings and fittings of all kinds at W. Robinson &amp; Co.

The speech delivered by the Chairman at the half-yearly meeting of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, published in another part of this issue, will be found unusually interesting.

The phrase "A bold, bad man"—now worn threadbare and comic—belongs to Spencer, who applied it to the Archimago of "The Frog and the Queen."

A bold, bad man, that dared to call, by name, Great Gorgon prince of darkness, and dead night.

It is probable that Captain Hastings, Assistant Harbour Master, will shortly be appointed Acting Captain Superintendent of Police and Superintendent of Victoria Gaol, vice Mr. F. H. May and Captain Lethbridge, who are about to return to the 'land of nod' on well-earned leave of absence.

The *Railway News*, referring to the possible results of the present war, expresses the hope that the representatives of British railway contractors will be thoroughly on the *qui vive* when the long-deferred opportunity shall arise for railway construction on a large scale in the Celestial Empire.We note the Government have decided to provide the fast and furious Boarding Officers' launch *Daisy* with a brand-new steel boiler. If this exquisite specimen of naval architecture were also provided with a double-barrelled syren and a new coat of paint she would come out of dock a perfect 'daisy.'

MR. George Horspool, the oldest and most popular member of the Hongkong Police, is about to retire from the Colonial Service on pension. Mr. Horspool is probably the best policeman that the local Force ever included in its membership, and his retirement will be regretted by his colleagues and all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

THAT the days of 'record' passenger on the coast of China are not past by any means is evidenced by the voyage of the steamer *Nawoa*, Captain Harris, which arrived in port yesterday forenoon, from Amoy to Hongkong. Although twenty-three years old this popular Douglas liner covered the distance, 287 miles, in a fraction over 24 hours, giving a speed of about 12 knots-per-hour!Is weather prophecy a failure, says the London *Telegraph*, and is the Meteorological Office played out? This was the question incidentally raised by C. W. Bourne, head master of King's College School, in a lecture inaugurating the reopening of the evening classes. He declared that during the past twenty-five years he had really done nothing towards making meteorology an exact science. Something no doubt has been accomplished in the way of giving early information as to advent of weather disturbances which were already in progress, but that was a very different thing to predicting the occurrence of storms.ROMAN Catholics in London will soon, says the *New York Sun*, have a cathedral of an architecture unique in that city. It will be built on the model of Constantine's original church of St. Peter at Rome, 350 feet long by 170 wide and 100 high, and will hold 10,000 people. Attached to it is to be a monastery for thirty monks and forty-five lay brethren, to which the Benedictines, who for centuries served Westminster Abbey, are to be invited. The land was bought by Cardinal Manning nearly thirty years ago for £55,000, and is now worth £300,000. The building will cost £450,000, toward which one contributor has already given £20,000.FROM private and reliable advices received at Shanghai during the past few days the *China Gazette* opines that the state of affairs at Wei-hai-wai is a very serious one for the Chinese. The Japanese up to the 25th ultimo had delivered no attack whatever upon the fortress, but when they do the C. G. thinks it is likely to be as short and decisive as the rush with which Port Arthur was taken. The Chinese, according to our very pro-Japanese contemporary, have not a single round of shrapnel or case shot, with which to repel an infantry attack, though they are well supplied with other varieties of ammunition. Most of the foreigners have left, and gone to more secure quarters in Chefoo, only half-a-dozen or so remaining on board the ships. Amongst those who are standing to their guns through thick and thin, are 'Admiral' McClure Mr. Mellish, an ex-Shanghai policeman and an old gunner's mate in the English navy, who now occupies a place in the quarter-deck at Wei-hai-wai; Mr. Woods, who was in the battle of the Yalu, and one or two others. Before an attack could be made from the land-side, the Japanese would have to bring up their guns from Yanching, and get their batteries in position. What the Chinese would be doing in the meantime is, of course, not mentioned by the wiseacre who "runs" the *Gazette*.In a recent issue of the *North British Mail* there was published a long article on the subject of "Railways in China," in which the writer very sensibly remarks that the China-Japan war is likely to reconcile the antiquated authorities of Far Cathay to the idea of railways. Those who have been seeking the overthrow of Li Hung-chang by laying the blame of China's unpopularity upon that statesman have had a sharp reminder from that statesman as to where the blame really rests. In a secret report to Peking on the situation, Li has taken occasion to deplore the want of railways, which would have proved invaluable at the present juncture. The moving and concentrating troops. It is very well known at Peking that the frustration of all Li's schemes for railway construction in past years has been the work of those who have persistently striven to compass the overthrow of the progressive Viceroy, Chang-Chih-tung, who is displaying great activity in his new capacity of Viceroy of Kiangsi. It is, however, a very curious fact that the construction of a railway to Shanghai, which likewise shows how the wind is beginning to blow, and probably the construction of railways will be among the first reforms proceeded with after peace has been re-established. The only railway in existence in China is the short one from Taku to Tientsin. It has been worked to its utmost capacity recently in conveying troops and munitions, and has been so badly damaged by the Chinese authorities that it is one of China's chief deficiencies in connection with the present war.

## HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

The fifty-seventh ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held at the Company's office, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, at noon to-day, for the purpose of receiving the Directors' Report, together with a statement of accounts, deciding a dividend, and electing a member of the Board of Directors and auditors. The Hon. F. R. B. H. C. M. G. (Chairman) presided, and there were also present Messrs. J. J. Fawcett, J. Kramer, N. A. Sles, Poon Pong and F. S. Gomes (Directors), N. J. Gomes, F. J. Moses, I. R. Michael, G. Fenwick, A. F. G. da Silva, Woe Hon Wong, Ping Lum, A. G. B. Soares, Capt. A. Tillett and C. Tomlin, Acting Secretary. The Acting Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, the report and accounts having been for some days in the hands of the shareholders, I propose, with your permission, to take them as read. Before referring to them, I wish to correct a wrong impression unconsciously conveyed to you at the last half-yearly meeting. When replying to a question I said that the opening of the West River was provided for by treaty, but have since ascertained that this, unfortunately, is not the fact. I am glad to say, however, that the opening of this great inland waterway to foreign trade is being vigorously advocated by the local Chamber of Commerce, and I trust the time is not far distant when its efforts to secure this right will be crowned with success. Turning to matters immediately before us, the remarks I made on the Company's working at the last meeting apply, in many respects, to that of the past six months. Our steamers have been earning on an average \$2,000 more per month than they did during the corresponding half of 1893, but the increase has been absorbed by larger outlay on coal, insurance, and I think therefore that the work of the fleet shows results than that of the same period of 1893. Other influences have affected the river trade rather adversely. In July, August and in a less degree, September, trade suffered from the epidemic of plague, and latterly Chinese business has been somewhat restricted owing to the disturbing effects of the Sino-Japanese war. The war has, moreover, been the means of further enhancing the price of coal, while the low rates of exchange have been felt in our remittances for stores and marine insurance. Nevertheless, I think I can see signs of improvement in business generally, and I feel hopeful that at the next meeting the Board will be able to present a statement to the full as satisfactory, if not more so, as the one now before you. I am glad to be able to state that the fleet is in a satisfactory condition, all the steamers being in good running order. The *Perous* has undergone rather heavier repairs than usual, some of the superstructure having been renewed, and the cost of fitting her with steam steering-gear was a large item, but it has proved satisfactory in enabling her to be more readily handled. With regard to the large sum shown by the accounts to be lying in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank at "call," this was lodged there a few days only; I may say the money has been invested on sound security. Another item you may have noticed is the writing off of some \$7,000 from the value of investments in the shares of local

## THE KOWLOON LAND &amp; BUILDING COMPANY, LTD.

The sixth ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held at the Company's offices, Victoria Buildings, at noon today. Mr. F. Henderson (Chairman) presided, and there were also present Messrs. E. J. Hughes and J. H. Cox (Directors), F. A. Morgan, J. M. E. Machado, H. J. Holmes, and S. Northcote, C. A. Gwynn, A. G. Stokes, and A. Shelton Hooper, Secretary.

The Chairman, having read the notice convening the meeting, said:—Gentlemen, in submitting the accounts for the past year the Directors are pleased to be able to state that although the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account is a trifle smaller than that of the previous year, the Company has done quite as well. The rent account shows an increase of over \$500, but against this has to be placed the large sum of \$834.95, most of which has been spent in a thorough overhaul of the premises by Messrs. Palmer and Turner, and making good all damage caused by white ants. The rents received from the houses in Knutsford Terrace show an improvement, as there is a steady demand for houses in Kowloon. Your Directors are desirous, as soon as possible, to build on the spare ground owned by the Company on the east side of Knutsford Terrace, but they deem it advisable first to dispose of the debentures which they own in the Wharf Co., before proceeding with the proposed buildings. I shall be happy to answer any questions.

There being no questions, the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr. Holmes seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The re-election of Messrs. F. Henderson and F. A. Morgan as Directors, the re-election of Messrs. T. Arnold and Mr. Lyall as auditors, and an announcement by the Chairman that dividend warrants would be ready to-morrow terminated the proceedings.

## FOOCHOW RACES.

## PROGRAMME OF THE SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY.—TUESDAY, 10TH MARCH, 1895.  
The SPRING CUP, value \$100; entrance \$5; for all China ponies; weight as per scale. Half a mile.

The MAIDEN STAKES; of \$10 each, with \$50 added; for all China ponies that have never run at any meeting; weight as per scale. Three quarters of a mile.

The AMOY CUP, (presented); value \$100; for all China ponies; weight as per scale; entrance \$5. One mile and three quarters.

The KULIANG STAKES; of \$10 each, with \$50 added; for all China ponies; weight as per scale; winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra. Seven furlongs.

The HACK STAKES; of \$5 each; for all China ponies not otherwise entered; catch weights over 12 stone; jockeys who have never had a winning mount before this meeting in China and/or Hongkong allowed 7 lbs.; ponies that have never won a race allowed 7 lbs. Once round.

The KUSHAN CUP; value \$100; for all China ponies; weight as per scale; winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra; entrance \$5. One mile.

The RACING STAKES; of \$5 each with \$50 added for the first, and \$25 for the second pony; for all bona fide gillies at date of entry and ponies first raced in Foochow and Amoy as gillies; weight as per scale; winners 7 lbs. extra. One mile and a quarter.

The NANTAI STAKES; of \$10 each divided, 70 per cent, 20 per cent, and 10 per cent, to first, second and third pony; a forced entry for all ponies entered at this meeting except in the Hack Stakes; weight as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

## SECOND DAY.—WEDNESDAY, 20TH MARCH, 1895.

The FOH KIEH CUP; value \$100; second pony to receive \$25, third pony \$15. For all China ponies; weight as per scale; winners of one race at this meeting 7 lbs. extra, of 2 or more races 12 lbs. extra; ponies first raced in Foochow as gillies allowed 7 lbs; entrance \$5. One mile and a half.

The FOOCHOW DERBY; of \$15 each with \$100 added. Divided, 70 per cent, 20 per cent, and 10 per cent, to first, second and third pony; for all China ponies bona fide gillies at the date of entry; weight as per scale. One mile and a half.

The LOTTERY CUP; value \$100; for all China ponies; weight as per scale; winners at this meeting 10 lbs. extra; ponies that have never won a race allowed 7 lbs; entrance \$5. Three quarters of a mile.

The PAGODA CUP, value \$100; second pony to receive \$15; for all bona fide gillies at the date of entry, and ponies first raced in Foochow and Amoy as gillies; weight as per scale; winners at this meeting 10 lbs. extra of two or more race 12 lbs. extra; entrance \$5. Seven furlongs.

The CONSOLATION CUP, value \$100 with \$25 added for the second pony; for all bona fide beaten ponies that have run at this meeting and not won a race; weight as per scale; entrance \$5. One mile.

The CHAMPION STAKES of \$10 each, with \$50 added; a forced entry and open only to winners at this meeting; optional for the winners of the Hack Stakes and Consolation Cup; winners of two races \$15 extra, and of more than two races \$25 extra; weight as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

The WRITER PLATE, value \$100; for all China ponies; catch weights, over 11 stone; non-winners at this meeting allowed 7 lbs.; riders who have never won a race allowed 7 lbs; entrance \$5. Three quarters of a mile.

Entries close on Saturday, 2nd March, 1895, at noon.

## THE WAR IN THE NORTH.

The following interesting items are culled from Shanghai native papers:—

Shanghai, January 31st.  
By a letter received from Peking, it is learned that General Wei, whose arrival as prisoner in Peking has previously been chronicled, has been on trial before several high officials. He states that he had no desire to flee from the Japanese, but owing to his army having been depleted by the demands of General Yeh, he was unable to make a stand. He also strenuously denies having pocketed a cash of the pay of his soldiers. The Board of Punishment has reported this to the Throne, and has sent an urgent demand to Li Hung-chang to send on General Yeh.

As it was feared that the Japanese might seize the opportunity to make a secret attack, the firing of crackers in Chefoo during this New Year was strictly prohibited.

According to a letter from Chefoo, several Japanese vessels attacked Tungechow on the 19th instant, and were answered by the fort on shore. During this attack no damage was done on either side. The next day the Japanese again attacked the place, yet they did not take the forts, which are as safe as ever. No damage was done to the forts, though the inhabitants of the city suffered severely.

From a private letter received from Tientsin it is learned that all the important places in the North are held by brave soldiers under Liu Kuo-jai and his generals. The Japanese dare not attack any of the places occupied by the Chinese.

The Japanese First Army Corps, which originally consisted of 30,000 men, has dwindled down, owing to deaths in hunger and cold and in battle, to only a few thousand men. These are at present besieged in Chang Pa-shan and are expected to be prisoners soon. Of the Second Army Corps many of the soldiers have committed suicide owing to the severe cold and hard work they have had, and the ill-treatment by their officers. The First Army is said to be unable to move owing to being so closely watched by the General Nish.

The Chinese merchants in Japan are indignant that their Government should have appealed to Japan for peace, as they say that the Japanese finances are almost exhausted and cannot long continue the war.

It is the custom at the end of a year in China not to exact taxes for two or three days, but this year, owing to the necessities of the war, no relaxation has been allowed.

By an Imperial decree dated 28th of 12th Moon, the Emperor has appointed Wong-tan, the ex-Viceroy of Yungkwai, to be Assistant Commissioner of the entire Northern Army. The Emperor has also given orders in response to the Board of Punishment to degrade Tantai Kung-chou, the ex-Director of Port Arthur; he is to be executed immediately.

The Chefoo correspondent of the *Shenbao*, writing on the taking of Tungechow by the Japanese, says:—"The Japanese fleet fired on the fortress, and the defenders of the fort answered with several guns, next morning they fought again on both sides, several parts of the fortress were destroyed and many houses of the country people. The Japanese landed soldiers from their transports on the 26th and attacked the City, which after some resistance fell into the hands of the Japanese."

According to a letter received by the *Hupao* from Peking, General Wei has been going through a very severe trial, but he denied most of his faults, but confessed to cowardice, and said it was caused by General Yih. The Viceroy of Chili has therefore received orders to send with all haste for General Yih. The *Shenbao* received a letter which contains the following:—

The Chinese Telegraph Co. has sent men to repair the wires between Newchwang and Feng-tien. This letter also relates that Generals Chang and Sung are encamped at Cheung-wang-tai and are preparing for a fresh attack on the Japanese entrenched position at Haicheng.

## KOREAN NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CHEMULPOO, January 14th.  
It is some time since we had any news here worth sending, as the seat of war has gone into China, and everything is quiet here. Reforms are very much spoken of, but so far squeezing still goes on, no doubt reforms can only be worked by time.

A railway from here to Seoul is contemplated in fact the plan is finished and only awaits the breaking up of winter to commence operations. Great speculation exists among landowners as to where the railway station is to be built, but everyone is of opinion that the opening of a railway will be a great boon to this backward land. Two ports are also to be opened, Ping-yang and Mokpo. The port in the Ping-yang district is Nampo, a few miles below the entrance on the Ta-tung-kiang, at the head of the Pingyang Inlet, not a bad position. The second harbour Mokpo is not a very good one, a better could have been obtained round the south Washington Gulf at what is known to mariners as Long anch called Calet Kukemou or Naurins harbour.

The Chinese were lately notified to register themselves under Korean law, but the English wishing to play some part in this have been giving protection papers for so much per diem to the Chinese.

Trade for the last two months has greatly revived; Japanese are arriving in great numbers, every house is occupied, goods are constantly arriving, and there is a steady outlet again from here to the North of Pingyang, Yaloo, and Taitwan Bay. The imports are shikings, silk, kerosene, matches; the exports rice, beans, hides, and it is certain the Korean Government cannot complain of the Revenue for the last few months, and all things look well.

The registering of the Chinese I hear is to begin to-morrow, and it is to begin with the Chinese *Yeh* in the Korean Customs Service. No doubt the Koreans have a good as well as an Englishman expressed himself thus:—"If Chinese claim to belong to Hongkong they need not register themselves, and Chinese would have to prove it. Two witnesses taking an oath that they belonged would be sufficient; it seems that trying an oath by Britishers is considered a small matter, but talking is one thing and acting is quite another matter."—*Ching Gaudie*.

## CHEFOO NOTES.

CHEFOO, January 25th.  
A guard of 21 men was sent ashore from the *Marie* on the night of the 20th as a protection for the Foreign Settlement in case of emergency, and a patrol of 12 volunteers, 4 from each Company, will till further notice be on guard each night under one of the Commanders.

The scene of battle has been removed and is now close to our quarters. On the afternoon of the 23rd last, three Japanese men-of-war fired on the city of Tungechow, and after having exchanged about 20 shots with the Fort passed north, apparently, the same evening. Whether their firing was provoked from the shore or undertaken on their own initiative is not known at present. Next morning, 10th inst., the three ships were seen again and firing into the city was resumed later in the day, the sound of guns being heard here at a distance between 1.30 and 2 p.m. At 3.30 p.m. news was received that three shells had fallen within a few yards of Dr. C. W. Mater's house. It is hoped, as no intimation to the contrary has arrived, that the Missionaries have escaped any injury, or serious destruction of property, although they must have undergone a very severe shock to their nerves. The U.S.S. *Yorktown* and H.M.S. *Zephyrus* left yesterday for Tungechow to rescue the families of the Missionaries from their perilous position, and as news was received at 8.40 a.m. yesterday from Tungechow that the families were ready to leave on the *Yorktown's* arrival we may expect to see them here to-day. No mention of any damage has so far been made in the various communications.

Our minds were not yet at ease about Tungechow when yesterday afternoon H.M.S. *Zephyrus* arrived with the startling information that about 50 Japanese men-of-war and transports were landing troops at Yungching Bay, close to the N. E. Promontory.

Such is the position at present, and there can hardly be any doubt of the intentions of the Japanese. Tungechow will probably suffer no more, the firing at that place having no doubt only been opened to draw the attention of the Chinese towards that direction, while they have executed their operations in Yungching Bay. The Japanese are evidently in possession of the

telegraph station at the North East Promontory, as otherwise we should have had more details. From Weihai-wel telegrams were received up to last night; they have been expecting this move of the Japanese and seem to be ready for them. The reports of guns which were heard here yesterday morning and taken to originate from an attack on Tungechow arose from Yungching Bay, where several shots were fired when landing the troops.—*Express*.

## TIENTSIN NOTES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

TIENTSIN, January 14th.  
Since I wrote last I learn that both the Chinese and Japanese forces are suffering very much from cold and sickness. The Chinese troops at Shanhsikwan are dying in hundreds from cold and disease.

Although it has been reported that Viceroy Lu had arrived at Shanhsikwan, I learn on good authority he is still at Peking, and that he declines to go to the front, pleading old age and sickness, so Viceroy Li Hung-chang is still in charge and directing all movements. Li is having his own way, and is being assisted by Mr. Dehing, who is still on Special Service.

The Literary College, built by Mr. Dehing in 1888, outside the city, near the Liang-shan Ferry, and known as "Peking's Folly" has been converted by Hui-shan Hankeken into a drill-hall, where foreigners are busy drilling Chinese. Herr von Hankeken has already spent \$14,000 on this place. It has a good and large square attached to it, where both infantry and cavalry and artillery as well, can be drilled. Herr von Hankeken's nephew has arrived and has been made drill-Captain, having, I am told, an agreement for ten years.—*Mercury*.

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Hongkong, 4th February, 1895. [162]

VICTORIA CHAPTER, No. 525.

AN EMERGENCY CONVOCAION of the above CHAPTER will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, TOMORROW, Tuesday instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited. Hongkong, 4th February, 1895. [206]

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Hongkong, 4th February, 1895. [182]

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